



Dear Parents and carers

22 February 2021

We had a fantastic half term week just gone. As per usual there was so much going on in nursery it was hard to keep up. The preschool loved their focus on the bear hunt which included re-enacting the story, creating bear masks and making messy footprint trails in paint. The babies and toddlers have been focussing on physical motor skills last week with outdoor obstacle courses and big painting projects going on as well as messy play including squishing jelly and making pinecone bird feeders.



Funding codes for after Easter

We have a few children turning two and three between January and the end of March. If your child is turning of age, then please remember to check your eligibility for funding. Parent of two-year-olds can check their eligibility here:

https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20393/free_childcare_places_for_2_3_and_4_year_olds/792/talking_2s_-_15_hours_free_childcare_2_year_olds Parents of 3-year-olds will need to check their eligibility at: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> If you receive a 30 hour code then please email the nursery halesfield@telfordnurseries.org to confirm your funded place with Helen. Any questions can also be directed here, we are only too happy to help.

Staff News

Our staff have been working so hard recently, whilst in nursery and out. Congratulations to Tia and Katie who have both undertaken their first aid qualification and also to the whole staff team have updated their Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs qualifications. As a team we feel it is important to keep our knowledge and skills up to date as it helps us be the best we can be. Well done to all the team for their hard work and dedication. Next month we are focusing on Online safety and well-being.

Preschool Photo Album



Our preschool staff have a new photo album, and they would love to fill it. We are looking for family photos that we know the children will enjoy looking at. The album will be available for the children to look through during their day. It's important that every child has at least one photo entry, so they don't feel left out and can find their familiar pics when looking through. Please either bring in a copy of your photo or the original and we can copy. Alternatively send your photos via email to halesfield@telfordnurseries.org and we can print them off for the album. Thank you for your help and support.

EYFS Information

We wanted to tell you a little about the EYFS Framework that supports us in nursery and lots of other professionals working in reception classes, pre-schools, nursery classes, day nurseries and childminding settings. The EYFS, sets out:

- The legal welfare requirements to keep your child safe.
- The seven areas of learning and development.
- Assessments that will tell you about your child's progress through the EYFS.
- Expected levels (Early Learning Goals) that your child should reach at age 5, usually the end of the reception year.

The welfare standards have been designed to make sure that your child is as safe as possible. These include the number of staff required in a nursery, how many children we can look after, and things like administering medicines and carrying out risk assessments. Over the next few months we will be providing you with more information on the areas within the EYFS and how we meet these areas. If you would like more information beforehand though, please follow the link below where all will be explained:
https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2014/08/EYFS_Parents_Guide-amended.pdf

COVID Update



Last week we had a COVID health and safety check from Telford and Wrekin Council. They were very pleased with the policies and procedures we have in place and commended staff for their work and adherence to the guidelines. I would like to reiterate and thank the staff for working so hard through these strange and unknowing times but also, I would like to thank all of our parents and children as well. Without the coherence of everyone we would not be running as efficiently as we are. So many changes and adaptations to meet the guidelines and everybody has done their part to keep everyone safe. Thank you and well done.

Community Fridge



The community fridge has been full of some wonderful products over the last couple of weeks not including the bountiful of bananas we have been receiving. Please keep coming in and using the fridge, it is there for everyone. Any monetary donations are welcome, this enables us to give back to the Food Share Project too and support the fabulous charity.

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2021_Week_7_Menu.pdf
- Link to our Uncollected Child policy
<http://telfordnurseries.org/files/policies/1.6%20Uncollected%20Child.pdf>
- Easter dates: Term time children break up Friday 2nd April back Monday 19th April. Nursery open as usual Good Friday.

Yours sincerely

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